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The Monday Night Group (October 18, 2011)

Recently, Larry Massie and I conducted a group interview with the remaining members of the Monday Night Group, which met with John Fetzer from mid-1981 through later-1985, and which was called by John Fetzer at the time, the “Advisory Core Council.”

I have also been studying, and have interviewed Bruce Fetzer regarding, the 30-plus letters that Jim Gordon wrote to the group as “channeled material.”

So this is a good time to present to the Memorial Trust a little synopsis report on The Monday Night Group.

The members of the group were:

- John Fetzer
- Mike Gergely
- Carolyn Dailey (aka “Lynn”)
- Margaret Zolan, Rhea Fetzer’s doctor, and Margaret’s husband, Frank
- Sister Elizabeth Reis (Margaret Zolan had taken Silva Mind Control and “Sister Liz” was teaching it out at Nazareth College; so John and Lynn took Silva from Sister Liz and she was invited to join the group)
- Chuck Spence who initially was in charge of taking care of Rhea at the house, and later Chuck’s wife, Cleora Dailey
- Bruce Fetzer (by mid-1982)

The weekly Monday Night event consisted of:

- an opening meditation, followed by
- an open sharing—what happened that week that was of interest, etc.,
- then there was spiritual material that they would study:
 - i. often they would study a passage from *A Course in Miracles*
 - ii. sometimes they would study a section from the *Aquarian Gospel*

iii. Jim Gordon did one or two “live channelings” for the group, but, mainly, we have over 30 letters from Jim Gordon to the group. Jim would do a written channeling to the group from Master Jesus or the Archangel Michael, once from Abraham Lincoln, and he routinely channeled Great White Brotherhood Masters, Comte de St. Germain and Paul the Venetian, Quan Yin, and, more than anyone else, a higher “Master of Inner Light” who Jim called Cato (who had been 13 times an Egyptian Pharaoh). These letters would be sent out to the group ahead of time and discussed at the meeting, sometimes with Jim on the phone.

- Finally the meeting would close with the Great Invocation—and off they’d go to a local restaurant, Chicken Charlie’s!

The messages from Jim would be about the spiritual importance of the Fetzer Foundation mission. Here are just a few samples:

November 23, 1981: “Things are still moving along on the inner planes a great deal toward the formation and success of the Fetzer Foundation. Last Monday the energy shifted some, and it is now more of an influx of karmas and energy from our lifetime in Israel at the time of Jesus. A great influx of spiritual energy and goals has been put into motion again, which started some 2,000 years ago, in Israel.”

December 20, 1981: “Beloved brethren—it has been many years since we have gathered together such as this ... It has been many lifetimes since we talked ... For the purpose that you have joined together again as a group ... as one ... is of great importance to humanity as a whole ... The last time we communicated with you was some 2,000 years ago ... And now you have come together yet again for another goal to be accomplished ...”.

July 12, 1982: “This Foundation exists, not because you want it to exist, but there is a necessity. If there were not a need we would not be working with you at this time. You will have to give up much on an individual level. ... The idea and the concepts you are setting down within the Foundation are somewhat different from any other Foundation previously brought about. ... No other Foundation has the spiritual footing and the spiritual heading. This is why it is so important. It is why we are here today.”

July 29, 1983: “Just as those who signed the Declaration of Independence were the fathers and parents of a new nation, so too here—those who put their names upon the Foundation become the parents who must guide and raise that child to fulfillment. ... The idea and the concepts you are setting down within the Foundation are somewhat different from any other Foundation previously brought about.”

And John wrote to the Group, as in a cover letter, to this July 29, 1983 channeling: “Just as the Founding Fathers at that time were carrying forward a movement of great importance to the world, so the Advisory Core Council is to carry on the spiritual goals and see that the Foundation fulfills its intended purpose. As father of the Foundation I cannot emphasize too strongly the sanctity of this spiritual group.”

Sometimes specifics about the Foundation's mission and organization were channeled, which followed the general format that Jim had used to present AMPRA to John in 1981. AMPRA (American Medical and Psychic Research Association) was an organization that Jim helped put together in the late 1960s/early 1970s in Sedona, and which operated there for a few years. The 1980s Foundation followed the general AMPRA outline of Mind-Body-Spirit research and education, and initially the Group also considered a clinical healing branch that AMPRA had. These concepts continued in general principle at the Institute into the 1990s as well, of course.

John always wanted an in-house lab to be part of the Fetzer effort; this notion came from channelings, such as: December 21, 1981: "There will be (healing) instrumentation coming to you that will aid in your development ... Much of it has been developed in the past in the times of Lemuria and Atlantis... There will be other instrumentations ... within the next 25 to 35 years ... The Ark of the Covenant was such an instrumentation ... The Foundation is an experiment that we are conducting ...".

Even though specifics were presented as to the format of the Foundation, it was stressed that it was up to John and his cohort to take responsibility for the end result. For example:

May 24, 1983: "We of the Masters of Inner Light call you to focus your attention daily on the Foundation principles ... it is up to each of you, as individuals and as a group, to find the clarity and to find the answers as to the direction you as souls and as a Foundation wish to take—whether it be through education, or through healing, or through research."

Towards the end of the five-year Monday Night Group period, the messages began coming from an even higher group called "The Silent Ones," and these messages were solely spiritual.

Besides the weekly meeting, other Monday Night Group events included other activities. Early on, Sister Liz taught Silva Mind Control to John and Carolyn in John's office, week by week, and then later the rest of the group took it as well; and most of the group including John took a follow up course from Jose Silva himself (Silva Mind Control taught what might be called a form of remote viewing).

A man named Joey Jochmans taught the group a workshop on dowsing, and also dowsed a map for the location of the Foundation Building — first he picked Bimini but was redirected to select a site in the Kalamazoo area! Jochmans' dowsing settled on two properties, one of which is the current property, but not before John and the Monday Night Group did a session with Jochmans on the undeveloped Maple Street lot across the street from Broadcast House (in downtown Kalamazoo) with tarot cards to determine if that should be the location.

The group, including Jim Gordon, took Sister Liz's weekend Listening Workshop at Nazareth College, as well as a dream workshop which triggered profound experiences for some of the group. The group would also assemble at John's house for Christmas and other family-type gatherings.

After John had his heart attack, and went to Tucson to recover in the fall of 1985, the Jim Gordon sessions moved more to the Foundation Executive "Core Group" of Bruce, Carolyn, Chuck and Lloyd Swierenga, and the Monday Night Group met less and less and eventually ceased.

The Monday Night Group was crucial to John at the time to develop, build, and maintain the “Spirit” of the Fetzer Foundation as it was being formed. And it was profoundly spiritual for each of the members individually as well.